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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 4,231,826 inventors Wrast et al. issued November 4, 1980;
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 4,461,738, inventor Russell, issued July 24, 1984;
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 4,712,677, inventor Russell, issued December 15, 1987.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists and does not constitute an admission that the enclosed documents constitute "prior art."

Applicant reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present invention.

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